

Transportation & Safety Planning Subcommittee Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1 to HB1675

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1769*

House Bill No. 1675

By deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-321(a), as amended by Chapter 700 of the Public Acts of 2000, is amended by deleting the language "which shall constitute expendable receipts of the department." and by substituting instead the following:

which shall constitute expendable receipts of the department. In addition, the application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable supplemental fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to be deposited in the special reserve created pursuant to § 55-50-205.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-406, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of six dollars (\$6.00) which shall constitute expendable receipts of the department. In addition, the application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable supplemental fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to be deposited in the special reserve created pursuant to § 55-50-205.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-50-205.

(a)

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(1) There is established within the general fund a special reserve to be known as the driver testing station reserve, hereinafter referred to in this section as the "reserve."

(2) Monies in the reserve may be used for either the construction of new driver license facilities, operational enhancements, additional personnel, training, necessary equipment or any other driver license service initiatives as deemed appropriate by the commissioner of safety.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, there shall be deposited in the reserve all supplemental fees collected pursuant to §§ 55-50-321(a) and 55-50-406(b).

(c) Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of the reserve remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried forward and maintained in the reserve until expended in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(d) Interest accruing on investments and deposits of the reserve shall be returned to the reserve and remain a part of the reserve.

(e) Moneys in the reserve shall be invested by the state treasurer for the benefit of the reserve pursuant to § 9-4-603. The reserve shall be administered by the commissioner.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

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Section 55-50-206.

(a) The department of safety shall prepare a written report concerning the efficiency of driver testing stations and utilization of the reserve established by this act. At a minimum, such report shall include:

(1) The number of driver testing stations in each grand division;

(2) The number of license applications processed at each driving testing station;

(3) The number of employees at each driver testing station; and

(4) An assessment of the need for, and geographic location of, additional driver testing stations.

The department may include additional information in the report as deemed appropriate by the department in preparing the report.

(b) The department shall submit the completed report to the senate and house transportation committees at their first regularly scheduled meeting in February 2002 and every other general assembly session thereafter.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.